

SPRINT / UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE CAROLINAS REQUEST FOR
REVISIONS TO ACCESS TARIFF

AND ADDITIONAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDING

DN 1997-239-C

DEPRECIATION RATES COMPARISON

		Rates Shown in 12/31/03 Annual Report to Commission			
	ECONOMIC STUDY RATES Developed by Sprint / United Telephone Company of the Carolinas	Sprint / United Telephone Company of the Carolinas	BellSouth	Verizon	ALLTEL
Poles		6.1	4.0	6.7	6.3
Aerial Copper		5.0	4.2	3.0	7.8
Aerial Fiber		5.0	6.5	4.3	5.3
Aerial Copper Drop		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Underground Copper		6.2	2.7	4.5	5.8
Underground Fiber		2.9	5.4	5.4	4.6
Buried Copper		6.5	4.4	3.5	6.3
Buried Fiber		4.9	5.1	5.5	5.7
Buried Copper Drop		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Conduit		2.0	2.2	2.3	1.9
Digital Switching		7.9	6.3	6.4	7.7
Switching Software		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital / Fiber Circuit		10.6	6.9	9.4	11.9